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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

TELEPHONE

DATE: June 1, 1954

SUBJECT: Consultation on Guatemala

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Francis White, Mexico City
Mr. Holland, ARA

COPIES TO: Ambassadors Donnelly and Pawley
ARA - Ambassador Dreier; Mr. Jamison
MID - Mr. Burrows; Mr. Belton
MID - Mr. Leddy
Amembassy Guatemala - informally
Amembassy Mexico City - informally

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The Ambassador said that he had seen Foreign Minister Padilla Nervo and would see the President either that night or the following morning.

Padilla said that he felt we should call the OAS meeting on Guatemala. He said that he felt that the restriction on travel of agents would suffice to clear up the problem in Guatemala. He wated to know whether we expected to go any further than the point on detention and inspection of ships and said that he was strongly opposed to armed intervention.

I told the Ambassador to tell the Minister that we considered that the point on detention and inspection of ships was the most effective; that we would intend to go further at a later meeting if these measures were not adequate to eliminate the Communist problem, but that I felt certain that it would never be necessary to reach the point of armed intervention.

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